

National Organic Standards Board Meeting

Albuquerque, New Mexico, May 22-25, 2012

TENTATIVE AGENDA

Schedule At A Glance

	<i>Tuesday, May 22</i>	<i>Wednesday, May 23</i>	<i>Thursday, May 24</i>	<i>Friday, May 25</i>
AM	- Call to Order and Secretary's Report - NOP Update - Open Public Comment	- Materials Committee - Crops Committee	- Policy Development Committee - Handling Committee	- Deferred Items - Final Votes - Committee Workplans - Other Business and Closing Remarks
PM	- Compliance, Accreditation & Certification Committee - GMO ad-hoc Committee	- Livestock Committee	- Handling Committee	- Travel

Meeting Format

- NOP National List Coordinator presents overview of sunset substances, petitioned substances and Technical Reports in consistent format. NOSB members present Committee proposals on petitioned substances and sunset substances.
- Public comments are segmented to correspond with each committee
- The tentative agenda will be revised to account for the number of oral public comments that will be made for each committee.
- Each Committee's proposals are discussed and voted on before moving to the next Committee.
- Board votes on Committee proposals can be deferred to Friday for final vote if more deliberation is needed.
- Final recommendations are completed during the meeting so that they can be posted on the NOP website immediately following the meeting.

Public Comments

- All persons wishing to comment at NOSB meetings during public comment periods must sign up in advance; instructions are available at www.ams.usda.gov/NOSBMeetings
- Persons must give their names and affiliations for the record at the beginning of their public comment.
- Each person is provided a 3 minute comment period.
- Each person may sign up for only one comment period.
 - If you have comments specific to one committee's proposal, please sign up for that committee's public comment period.
 - If you have comments pertaining to more than one committee, or comments for items not on the agenda, please sign up for the open public comment period on Day 1.



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Tuesday, May 22, 2012

8:00 AM	<p><i>Call to Order</i> Barry Flamm, Chairperson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Approval of Agenda – Announcements – Introductions – NOSB Mission
8:15 AM	<p><i>Secretary's Report</i> Wendy Fulwider, Secretary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Acceptance of December 2011 Meeting Transcripts and Voting Results as Official Record
8:30 AM	<p><i>National Organic Program Update</i> Miles McEvoy, Deputy Administrator National Organic Program</p>
9:30 AM	<i>BREAK</i>
9:45 AM	<p><i>Open Public Comment</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Public comments that are not specific to a particular committee
12:00 PM	<i>LUNCH</i>
1:00 PM	<p><i>Compliance, Accreditation and Certification Committee</i> Joe Dickson, Chairperson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Present committee proposals and summarize written comments – Public comments related to CCAC Committee – Committee modifies proposals as needed – Board votes <p><i>Topics:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Discussion paper - Sanitizers and "100% organic" products – Proposal - Material Review Organizations review criteria
3:00 PM	<i>BREAK</i>



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3:15 PM	<p><i>GMO ad-hoc Committee</i> <i>Zea Sonnabend, Chairperson</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Present committee proposals and summarize written comments – Public comments related to GMO Committee proposals – Committee modifies proposals as needed – Board votes <p><i>Topics:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Proposal - Letter to Secretary Vilsack
5:00 PM	<i>RECESS</i>

Wednesday, May 23, 2012

8:00 AM	<p><i>Materials Committee</i> <i>Jennifer Taylor, Chairperson</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Present committee proposals and summarize written comments – Public comments related to Materials Committee proposals – Committee modifies proposals as needed – Board votes <p><i>Topics:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Aquaculture petition update – for use of vitamins (no document) – Proposal - Research Priorities Framework – Discussion paper – Extractants and solvents – Discussion paper – Significant residues and classification of materials
9:30 AM	<i>BREAK</i>
9:45 AM	<i>Materials Committee, continued</i>
11:00 AM	<p><i>Crops Committee</i> <i>Jay Feldman, Chairperson</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Present committee proposals and summarize written comments – Public comments related to Crops Committee proposals – Committee modifies proposals as needed – Report from Inerts working group – Board votes <p><i>Topics:</i></p> <p><i>Sunset 2013 Recommendations on § 205.601</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – EPA List 3 (Inerts)



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12:00 PM	LUNCH
1:00 PM	Crops Committee, continued
2:00 PM	<p>Livestock Committee Wendy Fulwider, Chairperson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Present committee proposals and summarize written comments – Public comments related to Livestock Committee proposals – Committee modifies proposals as needed – Board votes <p>Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Proposal - GMO vaccines – Discussion paper - Species specific guidance – Discussion paper - Dairy auditor score sheet – Discussion paper - Dairy score card – Discussion paper - Guidance for Assessing Welfare: Bison – Discussion paper - Guidance for Assessing Welfare: Poultry – Discussion paper - Guidance for Assessing Welfare: Sheep – Discussion paper - Outcome score tally sheet for Animal Welfare
3:15 PM	BREAK
3:30 PM	Livestock Committee continued
5:00 PM	RECESS

Thursday, May 24, 2012

8:00 AM	<p>Policy Development Committee Colehour Bondera, Chairperson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Present committee proposals and summarize written comments – Public comments related to Policy Committee proposals – Committee modifies proposals as needed – Board votes <p>Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Proposal - Conflict of Interest – Proposal - Public Comment Procedures – Proposal – Public Communications
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10:00 AM	<i>BREAK</i>
10:15 AM	<p><i>Handling Committee</i> John Foster, Chairperson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Present committee proposals and summarize written comments – Update on ancillary and other ingredients <p><i>Topics:</i></p> <p><i>Petitioned Materials Proposals</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Choline – Curry leaf – Gibberellic acid – Inositol – Citrus hystrix <p><i>Sunset 2013 Proposals on § 205.605(a)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Agar-agar – Calcium sulfate – Carrageenan – Glucono delta-lactone <p><i>Sunset 2013 Proposals on § 205.605(b)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Cellulose
12:00 PM	<i>LUNCH</i>
1:00 PM	<p><i>Handling Committee, continued</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Public comments related to Handling Committee proposals
3:30 PM	<i>BREAK</i>
3:45 PM	<p><i>Handling Committee, continued</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Committee modifies proposals as needed – Board votes
5:00 PM	<i>RECESS</i>



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Friday, May 25, 2012

8:00 AM	<i>Deferred Proposals</i> <i>Final Votes</i>
10:00 AM	<i>BREAK</i>
10:15 AM	<i>Deferred Proposals/Final Votes, continued</i>
11:00 AM	<i>Committee Workplans</i>
11:30 AM	<i>Other Business and Closing Remarks</i>
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